ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

Arlington School Committee
Standing Subcommittee: Community Relations
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
6:00 PM

Arlington High School School Committee Room 869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor Arlington, MA

Open Meeting

Meeting with Afterschool program representatives

Review of Calendar and Processes

Conversations with Outside Programs

Expanding Capacity

Policy changes

Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.

Submitted by Jennifer Susse, Chair



Meeting Location

Summary: Arlington High School School Committee Room 869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor Arlington, MA



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ATTACHMENTS:

Description Type File Name

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Afterschool Calendar and Policies Agreed on 8/20/19

Common Calendar & Policies

- All returning families should let the programs know by the Friday before school vacation (this year by February 15th) whether they will need a spot for the following year, and for how many days.
- The deadline for new families to apply for spots is 17 days later (this year by 6:00 PM on Monday, March 2nd).
- If there are more applications than spots, then applicants are chosen by lottery.
- Every family that gets their application in by 6:00 PM on March 2nd will be considered equally, after priority given to siblings of current families

Other Ideas:

- Application fees will be collected from families that are given spots. The application fees will serve to reserve that spot.
- The district will create a directory of afterschool options with links to each program's web page.
- Jennifer will reach out to the policy committee to see if we can remove the paragraph requiring information on director salaries and other financials.
- Kathy will talk to principals about creating a set number of classrooms that can be available to after-school programs each day. The specific classrooms can rotate so that the "burden" is shared among teachers.
- Shirley, Kathy and Jennifer agree to reach out to the outside programs to see if they would be open to a common calendar. One idea is to ask them to have their applications due after the in-school programs have informed their applicants. We didn't discuss specific days but, just to throw something out, what about the last day of March (March 31st).



Conversations with Outside Programs



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